



State of California  
The Resources Agency  
Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Mendocino Fire Chainsaw Training (Mendocino Fire Protection District lands)		
PROJECT LOCATION	Section 30, Township 18 North, Range 17 West, Mount Diablo Base & Meridian	COUNTY	Mendocino
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project is a chainsaw training course (S-212) provided to CAL FIRE staff for advanced tree felling to be held on Mendocino Fire Protection District lands. In total, approximately 20 dead bishop pines are proposed for felling. Slash and organic debris created from the tree felling will be piled and burned at designated locations. No heavy equipment will be used during this training exercise. Firewood processed from the felled material will be donated thus a harvest document from CAL FIRE for timber operations is not required. The trees are located within a disturbed context adjacent to the Mendocino Fire Protection District's Fire Station. Associated plant species include grand fir, Douglas-fir, tanoak, Pacific wax myrtle, Scotch broom, an ivy spp. and various herbs and forbes.

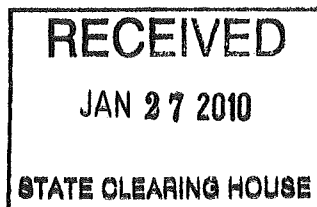
### EXEMPTION STATUS

- ☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 4 §15304 Minor Alterations to Land
- ☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
- ☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
- ☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- ☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

### REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

The Class 4 Categorical Exemption §15304 is appropriate as the proposed project will result in minor alterations to the land and will not have a significant effect on the environment. The extent of the tree cutting will result in only minor vegetation and soil disturbance. The California Natural Diversity Database maintained by the California Department of Fish and Game was consulted as part of the biological resource scoping. No rare, threatened, or endangered animal or plant species will be impacted by this project. The CAL FIRE Archaeologist has developed avoidance mitigation for an historic site near the planned tree removal.

### DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING



  
William E. Snyder, Deputy Director  
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